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TAGS: CI, PFOR, ELAB

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LABOR BOYCOTT OF CHILEAN SHIPPING

REFERENCE: SANTIAGO 4223

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH APPROPRIATE TRADE UNION OFFICIALS HERE POSSIBILITY OF BOYCOTT OF CHILEAN SHIPPING BY AFFILIATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF). THESE OFFICIALS STATE THAT ITF GENERAL SECRETARY CLARLES BLYTH DURING VISIT TO CHILE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO STATED CLEARLY TO GOCH OFFICIALS THAT IF SITUATION REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE UNION FREEDOM NOT SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED THE ITF MIGHT FEEL COMPELLED TO TAKE ACTION IN PROTEST AT ITS NEXT CONGRESS IN AUGUST 1974. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE BOYCOTT NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY BLYTH THIS CLEARLY IMPLIED.

2. TRADE UNION OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE EXPECT THAT QUESTION WILL ARISE AT FORTHCOMING CONGRESS, AND CONFIRMED THAT PRESSURE TO CALL BOYCOTT COMING FROM MEXICAN AND VENEZUELAN ITF AFFILIATES. WHILE NOT MINIMIZING THE STRONG-

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LY HELD VIEWS REGARDING SITUATION IN CHILE HELD BY MEXICAN,

VENEZUELAN AND EUROPEAN ITF AFFILIATES, THESE OFFICIALS  
POINTED TO THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN MOUNTING  
AN EFFECTIVE BOYCOTT.

3. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WE POINTED TO FORTHCOMING

ILO COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, WHOSE FINDINGS WOULD BE A  
MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST TO A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS  
CONCERNED WITH THIS QUESTION, INCLUDING PRESUMABLY THE ITF.  
WHILE THESE OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED LOGIC OF WAITING FOR  
COMMISSION REPORT, THEY EMPHASIZED NEED FOR GOCH TO SHOW  
SOME PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING TRADE UNION RIGHTS.

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